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Being James Naylor's *Anſwer, and Declaration, Touching ſome things Charged upon him, in the* Lancaſhire PETITION.

HAVING heard of divers Untruths caſt upon me by ſome of the Prieſts in their High Places, though I ſtand only to the Lord in reſpect of my ſelf; yet leaſt any that love the Truth, ſhould be led to ſpeak Evil of the things they know not, I ſhall lay open the Truth, as it is in me Revealed; touching thoſe things whereof I have been Falſly Accuſed. Jude 10. Re. 19.13

1. Concerning Jeſus Chriſt, who is the Eternal Word of God, by whom all things were made and are upholden, which was before all Time, but manifeſted in Time, for the Recovery of Loſt Man; which Word became Fleſh, and dwelt amongſt the Saints, who is the ſame Yeſterday, and to Day, and for Ever; who did, and doth dwell in the Saints; who Suffered and Roſe again, and Aſcended into Heaven, and is ſet at the Right Hand of God, to whom all Power is given, in Heaven and in Earth; who *filleth* all Places; is the Light of the World, but known to none, but *thoſe* who Receive and Follow him, and thoſe he leads up to *God*, out of all the Ways, Works and Worſhips of the World, by his pure Light in them, whereby he Reveals the Man of Sin, and by his Power caſts him out, and ſo prepares the Bodies of the Saints a fit Temple for the pure God to dwell in, with whom dwells no Unclean thing; and thus he Reconciles *God* and Man, and the Image of God, which is in Purity and Holineſs is renewed; and the Image of Satan, which is all Sin and Uncleanneſs, is defamed; and none can Witneſs Redemption, further than Chriſt is thus Revealed in them, to ſet them Free from Sin: Which Chriſt, I Witneſs to be Revealed in me in Meaſure. *Gal.* 1. 16. 2 *Cor.* 13. 5. *Col.* 1. 27.

1 Joh. 1. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. 1 Pet. 1. 25. John 1. 14. Eph. 5. 30. & 1. 21, 22. Joh. 8. 12. 2 Theſ. 2. 8 2 Cor. 6. 16. 1 Cor. 3. 16, 17. 2 Cor. 5. 18, 19. Col. 3. 10. John 8. 34, 36. 1 John 1. 3, 5.

2. Concerning the Scriptures, That they are a true Declaration of that Word which was in them, that *gave* or *ſpake* them forth, and are of no Private Interpretation; but were given forth to be Read

2 Pet. 1. 21, 22. Deut. 4. 2. Rev. 22. 18.

2 Tim. 3. 16, 17. and Fulfilled in the Saints, as they were given forth by the *Holy Ghoſt*, without adding or diminiſhing, and was not given forth for Men to make a Trade upon, to get Mony by; but as they are, they are Profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Inſtruction in Righteouſneſs, that the Man of God may be Perfect; throughly furniſhed unto every good Work: But they who tread in the Letter, and are Ignorant of the Myſtery, deny all Perfections, and none can rightly underſtand the Scriptures, but they who Read them with the ſame Spirit that gave them forth, *For the Natural Man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are Spiritually diſcerned.*

1 Cor. 2. 14, 15. Joh. 3. 11. Acts 1. 5. 1 Cor. 12. 13. 1 Pet. 3. 21. Col. 2. 12. Gal. 3. 27. Rom. 6. 3. Mat. 26. 26, 28. John 6. 51, 53, 54, 55, 56.

3. Concerning Baptiſm, the true Baptiſm is that of the Spirit, with the *Holy Ghoſt*, and with *Fire*, Baptized by one Spirit into one Body, not the waſhing away of the Filth of the Fleſh, but the anſwer of a good Conſcience towards God, by the Reſurrection of Jeſus Chriſt: without which, no other Baptiſm can Save us, they being but Figures or Shadows, but this Baptiſm of Chriſt is the Subſtance, whereby we are Baptized into his Death; and thoſe who are Baptized into Chriſt, have put on Chriſt.

1 Cor. 10. 16. 1 Cor. 11. 24, 25. Col. 2. 10. Acts 4. 32. 1 Cor. 11. 27, 28, 29. Joh. 5. 20.

4, Concerning the Lords Supper, the true Supper of the Lord, is the Spiritual Eating and Drinking of the Fleſh and Blood of Chriſt Spiritually, which the Spiritual Man only Eateth, and is thereby nouriſhed up unto Eternal Life; without which Eating, there can be no Life in the Creature, profeſs what you will; and all who Eat of this Bread, and Drink of this Cup, have real Communion with Chriſt the Head, and alſo one with another, as Members, and are all of one Heart, and one Mind, a Compleat Body in Chriſt. Now the World who take only the Outward Signs, and are not brought into a diſcerning of the Lords Body, Eat and Drink Damnation to themſelves, and ſo become guilty of the Body and Blood of Chriſt; and calls this a Communion, but Lives in Envy, Strife and Debate, Fighting, and going to Law one with another, for Earthly things.

1 Cor. 15. 38. 1 Cor. 15. 42, 43, 44, 46, 50, 51. R .20.6. Phil. 3. 21. 1 Cor. 15. 20.

5. Concerning the Reſurrection. That all ſhall ariſe to give an Account, and receive at the Laſt Day according to their Works done in the Fleſh, whether Good or Evil; theſe Bodies that are Duſt, ſhall turn to Duſt, but God ſhall give a Body as pleaſeth him; that which is ſown in Corruption ſhall be raiſed in Incorruption; it is ſown a Natural Body, it is raiſed a Spiritual Body; and as we have born the Image of the Earthly, ſo we ſhall bear the Image of the Heavenly. But Fleſh and Blood cannot Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven; neither doth Corruption Inherit Incorruption, *for we ſhall all be changed;* But they who cannot witneſs the firſt Reſurrection, within themſelves,

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know nothing of the ſecond, but by hear-ſay: And therefore ſay ſome of your Teachers, that Chriſt is in Heaven with a Carnal Body; now that Chriſt, who is the firſt Fruits, ſhould be there with a Carnal Body, and the Saints with a Spiritual Body, is not proportionable. 1 Cor. 15. 47. Col. 1. 18.

6. Concerning Magiſtracy. That it is an Ordinance of God, Ordained for the Puniſhment of Evil doers, and an Encouragement to them that do Well. Where Juſtice and Righteouſneſs is the Head, and Ruleth without Partiality, that Land is kept in Peace; and thoſe who Judge for the Lord, I Honour as my own Life; not with a Flattering Honour of putting off the Hat, and bowing of the Knee, which is the Honour of the World, having Mens Perſons in Admiration, becauſe of Advantage, for Self-ends; but from my Heart, for Conſcience ſake, as to the Power which is of God, and not to Mens Perſons: For the Scripture ſaith, *He that Reſpects Perſons commits Sin, and is Convicted of the Law as a Tranſgreſſor.* And the Apoſtle *James* Commands the Saints, *not to have the Faith of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the Lord of Glory with Reſpect of Perſons:* And ſaith, *ſuch are Partial in themſelves, and become Judges of Evil Thoughts.* And ſaith *Paul, Let every Soul be Subject to the Higher Powers:* For ſaith he, *there is no Power but of God.* The Powers that be, are ordained of God, not of Man; and that whoſoever Reſiſteth the Power, Reſiſteth the Ordinance of God: And ſaith, *We muſt needs be Subject for Conſcience ſake.* And therefore, though the Prophets and Saints were often ſent by the Lord, to Pronounce Judgment againſt Unjuſt Men, who had the Power committed to them, and did not Judge for God, but for Self-ends; yet they never attempted to raiſe any Violence againſt them, but uſed all means to Perſuade them *to do Juſtice, Love Mercy, and walk humbly with God*, that they might be Eſtabliſhed, and the Wrath of God turned away from them: For thoſe that be of God, cannot Rejoyce in the Deſtruction of any, but would have all to turn to God and find Mercy. Rom. 13. 3. Jude 16. Rom. 13. 5. James 2. 5. James 2. 1, 2, 3, 4. Rom. 13. 1, 5. Mic. 6. 8. 1 Pet. 1. 12. Eph. 4. 11. 12.

7. Concerning the Miniſtry. The true Miniſters of Jeſus Chriſt have always been, and are ſtill ſuch as came not by the Will of Man, but by the Will of God; neither are they fitted for that Work by any thing of Man, but by God alone; for the true Miniſtry is the Gift of Jeſus Chriſt, given *for the Perfecting of the Saints*, and needs no addition of Humane Helps and Learning, but as the work is Spiritual, and of the Lord, ſo they are Spiritually fitted only by the Lord. And therefore he choſe Herdſ-men, Fiſher-men, and Plough-Men, and ſuch-like; and as he gave them an Immediate Call, without the Leave of Man; ſo he fitted them Immediately without the Help of Man: 1 Cor. 1. 7. 1 Pet. 4. 10. 11. Gal. 1. 11, 12, 16.

Mat. 10.8. Acts 8.20. John 10. 13. And as they received the Gift Freely, ſo they were to give Freely: And when ever they found any of the falſe Miniſters, that Taught for Hire, they Cryed out againſt them, and Pronounced Woes againſt them, and ſhewed them that they lay in Iniquity, becauſe they thought that the Gift of God could be Bought and Sold for Money. And Chriſt calls them Hirelings, and ſaith, *they care not for the Sheep.* And *Micah* cryes out againſt the Prieſts that Taught for Hire, and ſaith, Micah 3. 10. *They Build up Sion with Blood, and Jeruſalem with Iniquity.* And *Jeremiah*, Jer. 5.30. and 6. 13. cried out againſt the Prieſts in his Days, that bare Rule by their means and calls it an *Horrible thing*, and ſaith, That *from the leaſt of them to* Iſai. 56. 10, 11. *the greateſt, they are all given to Covetouſneſs.* And *Iſaiah* cryes out of ſuch in his Days, and calls them *Greedy Dogs, that can never have enough*; 2 Pet. 2. 14, 15. and ſaith he, *they all look for their Gain from their Quarter.* And *Peter* 2 Cor. 11. 15. ſaith of ſuch is his Days as ſhould come, that they through Covetouſneſs ſhould make Merchandize of the People, ſaith, *They have Hearts exerciſed with Covetous Practiſes, who have forſaken the right Way, and have followed the Way of* Balaam, *who loved the Wages of Unrighteouſneſs.* Jude 11. And *Jude* cryes, *Woe unto them, for they go on in the Way of* Cain, *and* 1 Cor. 9. 16, 17, 18. *run greedily after the Error of* Balaam *for Rewards.* But thoſe that were ſent out by Chriſt, counted it their Reward, to make the 1 Cor. 4. 11. Goſpel without Charge; neither ever had they any ſet means, but went about, having no certain Dwelling Place; never were Maſters, Gal. 4. 19. but Servants to all for Chriſts ſake: Nor ever went to Law for Tythes, or any other Earthly thing, but Suffered Perſecution; and as always he that was after the Fleſh Perſecuted him that was after the Spirit; even ſo it is now. Now all People, Try your Prieſts by the Scriptures, whether they be of God or of the World; and never think to hear the Word of the Lord from their Mouths, who walk contrary to the Scriptures; for ſuch were never ſent of God; for had they been ſent of God, they would abide in his Doctrine. And 1 John 2. 3, 4, 5, 6. *John* ſaith, *ſuch hath not God, but he that abides in the Doctrine of Chriſt,* Joh. 9.10. *hath both the Father and the Son.* And if there come any to you, and 2 John 9. 10, 11. bring not this Doctrine, you are forbidden to *receive them into your Houſes, or bid them God Speed*, for if you do, *you are partakers of their* Pſal. 50. 16, 17, *Evil Deeds.* And unto the Wicked, ſaith God, *What haſt thou to do to Declare my Statutes, or that thou ſhouldeſt take my Covenant into thy* Pſal. 50. 21. *Mouth, ſeeing thou hateſt Inſtruction, and caſteſt my Words behind thy Back, and art a partaker with their Slandering and Deceit*, and ſuch as theſe, *think God to be like themſelves.*

The Condition and Portion of the People of England, *who have long Flattered themſelves with the* Church-Miniſtry, *and* Ordinances; *but upon Tryal, are found to be the* Synagogues *of* Satan, *Perſecutors of the Truth, and Enemies of the Goſpel of Chriſt.*

The Lyon hath Roared, Tremble all you Beaſts of the Field. The Trumpet hath ſounded, let the Beaſt prepare himſelf to Battle, for the great Day of Sions *Recompence is at hand, and Woe to all her Enemies.*

I Have heard a Voice of Woe and Terror, to come upon all the Inhabitants of the Earth: Repent all you Inhabitants of the Earth, the Sword of the Lord is Furbiſhed againſt you, to make a grievous Slaughter; Howl, Woe and Miſery, all ſorts of People, who have preferred your own Wills, Luſt, Pleaſures, before the pure Law of God: Howl you Sodomites, and Belly-Gods of the Earth, who have given up your ſelves to Fulneſs of Gluttony, and all Exceſs of Riot, Feeding without the Fear of God, Sporting in the Day Time; Living like fed Horſes, ſpending the Creatures upon your Luſts, which were never made for that end: Woe unto you, you Fat Swine, the Sins of *Sodom* are found among you, and the Plagues of *Sodom* are nigh at hand. Woe unto you, for now is the Lord come to Require his Corn and his Wine which he gave to Feed the Poor and Hungry, which your Luſts have Devoured; the Wants of all Poor in the Nation cry out againſt you, you have exceeded all that ever went before you, and you ſhall exceed in Miſery. Woe unto you Proud, Luſtful and Lofty ones, that are lifted up in your own Eyes, and have ſet your ſelves above the Fear of God, which Teacheth Humility, you plainly appear to be Children of the Devil, who is the Father of all Pride and Self-exaltation; you bear the Image of the Serpent, you ſpeckled ones, who have Painted your ſelves in the various Colours, to make your ſelves ſeem Glorious in the Eyes of others, that they may Bow and Worſhip to you. Woe unto thou, that haſt

ſet thy ſelf in the Seat of God, *thou art Weighed and found Wanting*, thy Pride is for the Fire, and thy Honour for the Duſt, for now is the Lord coming to Enquire after his Wool and Flax, which he gave to Cloath the Naked of all ſorts, with which thou haſt Decked the Serpent, and ſpent it upon thy Luſts, thereby to ſet thy ſelf in the Seat of the Almighty. Woe, Woe, Woe unto thee, thou that art exalted as high as Heaven, yea, as into God's Throne, but thou ſhalt be caſt down to Hell, the Lamb is Riſen to Rule the Nations. Woe unto the Covetous Cruel Oppreſſors, who Live upon Duſt, you Grind the Face of the Poor, and Oppreſs them that are Fallen, your Meaſures you have filled, and you have heaped up abundance againſt this Day of Wrath. The Fire of the Almighty is kindled, and it ſhall never be Quenched till it hath Devoured and Burnt up you and your Heaps, and made you a Curſe to the Generations that ſhall come after. Woe unto the Evious Serpents that ſeek to Devour the Innocent, that make a Prey upon them that depart from Iniquity, you are the Head of the Serpent, that muſt fulfil what is ſpoken of you, and you now ſhew the Enmity that God hath put between the two Seeds, now thy Rage is come, the Seed is come whoſe Heel thou art Bruiſing, who ſhall Bruiſe thy Head, thy Time is as ſhort as thy Rage is great. Rejoyce all you that Suffer it, that the Scriptures may be fulfilled. Woe unto you Scorners, you Sons of *Hagar*, you Sons of Bondage to the Works of the Devil, Scorning, Backſliding, Falſe Accuſing, Slandering and Evil Speaking; you are brought forth by the *Egyptian* Woman, and are in *Egyptian* Darkneſs, and you cannot See that you are in the Works of the Devil, and by him you are put on to Act againſt Chriſt, in his Saints. But now is the Son of the Free-Woman brought forth, to whom the Heritage belongs, and you ſhall be caſt out among the Heathen, and Ungodly, and Judgment is coming upon you, in which you ſhall not be able to Stand. Woe unto you Swearers and Lyars, under whoſe Tongues lies the Poyſon of Aſps, which you vent out as you are moved by your Father the Devil, againſt the Holy and Dreadful Name of the Almighty, the Land is filled with this Generation, and hath long Mourned becauſe of you: Who can paſs in Streets or Markets, that Fear the Lord, and their Hearts not be Broken to hear it? Do not all places abound with Vain Oaths, and Lying Idle Words? Never was Nation like to this in theſe things, ſo that any who will not uſe theſe Idle Words and Oaths, is known in the Streets as they paſs, and not eſteemed worthy to Live in the Nation; and thus not only with all the Common ſort, but alſo with many that are in place of Authority

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to Puniſh ſuch things; and yet thoſe are not afraid to call themſelves Chriſtians: Shall not the Lord be Avenged on ſuch a People as this? Woe unto you that Live upon Deceit in your Weights and Meaſures, by your Slighty Words ariſing from the Serpents Wiſdom, which makes a Prey on the Simple; and when you have got great Eſtates, you ſay, God hath given you them; you are ſet up above them who are made Poor by you; now is the Lord come to ſearch you out, and you ſhall Reſtore for your Theft Four-fold. Woe unto you that have had Power in your Hands to reſtrain theſe things, but inſtead of uſing the Sword to ſcatter the Works of Iniquity, have turned the Edge of it againſt ſuch as the Lord hath called out of theſe things, and ſent them to call others out, leaſt they partake of the Plagues that are to come upon thoſe who are found in them. Woe, Woe unto you Blind Guides, who have called your ſelves Chriſt's Seedſmen, and now that the Lord of the Harveſt is come to look for Fruits, here is no better Fruit to Reap but ſuch as theſe; and that among ſuch as you call Saints, and the Churches of Chriſt: And now that the Heir is Appearing, you are ſtirring up the Powers of the Earth how to Deſtroy him, leſt you be called to Account for your great Care to feed your own Bodies, and heap up Carnal things, and the little Care for the Souls of Chriſt's Flock: Now ſhall you not Eſcape, your Day is near at hand. Who could have Believed that *England* would have brought forth no better Fruits than theſe, now after ſuch Deliverance, as no Nation elſe can Witneſs? Oh! tell it not among the Heathen, leaſt you ſtrengthen the Hands of the Enemy, and occaſion the Wicked to Blaſpheme the Name of the God of Hoſts, who is reported to be amongſt us, and Subdued all our Enemies, and hath Delivered us thus far. Awake, Awake, all ſorts of People, can you ſay you have not had Power in your Hands againſt theſe Abominations? But now that you have not proved Faithful in your Promiſes to the Lord, in the Day of your Fears; therefore is the Lord coming to call to Account all ſorts of Diſſemblers and Oppreſſors, and by his own Right Hand to get himſelf the Victory. And now Woe unto you that have known to do Well, and had it in your Power, but have not done it. Woe unto you that have taken Counſel at your own Wiſdom, and Multitudes, and not at the Spirit of the Lord, and have Strengthned your ſelves by your Riches. Woe unto you Fruitleſs Trees, you have long been Digged and Pruned, but no Fruits, being you have long cumbred the Ground. Woe unto you that are at eaſe in *Sion*, Howl, Woe and Miſery; Tremble ye Women that are at Eaſe, Strip you, make you Bare, put off your Pride,

Pride, and put on Ashes, turn your Musick into Wailing, your Feasts into Fasting, and Bitter Lamentation, and meet the Lord, if there may be Hope for your Souls, in the Day of his Fierce Wrath that is coming upon the Earth. While you have time, improve it.

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